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REF: A) STATE 111391 B) OTTAWA 1891 (NOTAL)

1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. SUMMARY: CANADA SUPPORTS U.S. POLICY OBJECTIVES IN RWANDA AND HAS ALREADY TAKEN STEPS SIMILAR TO THOSE REQUESTED IN REFTTEL (A) DEMARCHE. THE RWANDAN CONFLICT HAS RECEIVED HIGH-LEVEL ATTENTION IN OTTAWA, AND THE GOC APPEARS WILLING TO ASSIST FURTHER U.S. EFFORTS. END SUMMARY.

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3. POLOFF DISCUSSED [REDACTED]

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GOC RESPONSE TO THE U.S. DEMARCHE

4. [REDACTED] SAID THAT THE U.S. AND CANADA HAD "MORE OR LESS THE SAME VIEW" ON THE SITUATION IN RWANDA. HE NOTED THAT THE GOC HAD ALREADY UNDERTAKEN MANY OF THE STEPS REQUESTED IN REFTEL (A) DEMARCHE.

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5. CANADA HAS LITTLE DIRECT INFLUENCE ON OR CONTACT WITH THE KEY PLAYERS IN RWANDA. DFA HAS DISCUSSED THE SITUATION WITH THE GOR'S AMBASSADOR IN OTTAWA, BUT HE HAS DONE LITTLE BUT PARROT GOR CRITICISM OF THE BELGIANS. FOREIGN MINISTER ANDRE OUELLET HAS ISSUED PRESS RELEASES CALLING FOR AN END TO THE VIOLENCE. SIMILAR STATEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE BY OTHER MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT.

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6. DFA HAS CONSISTENTLY URGED RESTRAINT AND A RETURN TO THE ARUSHA ACCORDS NEGOTIATING FRAMEWORK, AND HAS REPORTEDLY SENT SUCH GUIDANCE TO ITS MISSIONS IN KENYA, ZAIRE, AND ADDIS ABABA. [REDACTED] PROVIDED COPIES OF DFA INSTRUCTIONS ASKING THE CANADIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER IN DAR ES SALAAM TO EXPRESS SUPPORT FOR THE TANZANIAN MEDIATION EFFORTS. COMMENT: IF ASKED, THE CANADIANS WOULD PROBABLY AGREE TO UNDERTAKE JOINT DEMARCHES IN THE REGION. END COMMENT.

7. [REDACTED] MENTIONED THAT NEARLY 1000 RWANDANS (MOSTLY TUTSI) RESIDE IN CANADA. RWANDAN GROUPS HAVE MET WITH FOREIGN MINISTER ANDRE OUELLET AND BEEN EXTREMELY VOCAL AND PERSISTENT IN LOBBYING THE GOC.

8. THE RWANDAN CRISIS WAS DISCUSSED IN CABINET ON APRIL 28. LATER THAT DAY, OUELLET ARRANGED TO HAVE A FRIENDLY MP QUESTION HIM ON THE SUBJECT IN PARLIAMENT. HE ASSURED THE HOUSE THAT CANADIAN DIPLOMATS HAD ALREADY URGED OAU REPRESENTATIVES IN ADDIS ABABA TO TAKE A MORE ACTIVE ROLE IN RESOLVING THE RWANDAN CONFLICT. ACCORDING TO [REDACTED] HOWEVER, THIS RESPONSE WAS A BIT PREMATURE. DFA DID NOT TRANSMIT THE DEMARCHE INSTRUCTIONS UNTIL SHORTLY BEFORE THE PARLIAMENTARY

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9. CANADA DOES NOT PLAN TO SEND ANY HIGH-LEVEL DELEGATIONS TO THE REGION. [REDACTED] EXPLAINED THAT GENERAL DALLAIRE (THE CANADIAN COMMANDER OF UNAMIR) WAS ALREADY IN A POSITION TO SPEAK WITH THOSE DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN THE CONFLICT.

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10. COMMENT: MOST OF CANADA'S LIMITED RESOURCES DEVOTED TO AFRICA ARE CURRENTLY BEING CHanneled TOWARDS SOUTH AFRICA. AFTER ITS NEGATIVE EXPERIENCE OF SOMALIA, THE GOC IS EXTREMELY WARY OF BECOMING INVOLVED IN ANOTHER CONFLICT ON THE CONTINENT. THIS RELUCTANCE TO ACT IS BALANCED BY A VOCAL RWANDAN COMMUNITY (PRIMARILY IN MONTREAL), GENUINE HUMANITARIAN CONCERNS, AND THE NEED TO SUPPORT UNAMIR COMMANDER DALLAIRE. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, THE GOC WILL LIKELY CONTINUE TO SUPPORT UNAMIR IN ITS PRESENT FORM AND PROVIDE DIPLOMATIC SUPPORT FOR THE ARUSHA PROCESS WHENEVER POSSIBLE. END COMMENT.

CANADIAN ASSISTANCE

11. THE GOC HAD PLANNED TO SEND NINE ADDITIONAL CANADIAN PERSONNEL TO ASSIST GENERAL DALLAIRE AND HIS AIDE BEFORE THE MASSACRES IN RWANDA BEGAN (REFTEL B). THIS POSITION WAS RE-EXAMINED AFTER THE DRAW-DOWN OF U.N. FORCES, AND ONLY FI VE REINFORCEMENTS WERE SENT. SEVEN CANADIANS NOW SERVE WITH UNAMIR.

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12. THE GOC PROVIDED ALMOST ONE MILLION CANADIAN DOLLARS (APPROXIMATELY U.S. DOLLARS 725,000.00) WORTH OF HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO THE REGION IN APRIL, PRIMARILY THROUGH THE ICRC AND MEDICINE WITHOUT FRONTIERS. IN ADDITION, THE CANADIAN AIR FORCE IS PRESENTLY MAINTAINING TWO HERCULES AIRCRAFT IN NAIROBI FOR UNAMIR AND RED CROSS SUPPLY FLIGHTS. [REDACTED] DID NOT KNOW HOW LONG THESE AIRCRAFT WILL REMAIN IN AFRICA.

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14. [REDACTED] CONFIRMED THAT FAUSTIN TWAGIRAMUNGU, NAMED THE PRIME MINISTER-DESIGNATE FOLLOWING THE ARUSHA AGREEMENT, HAS REQUESTED REFUGEE STATUS IN CANADA. DFA BELIEVES THAT THIS REQUEST WILL BE APPROVED, BUT IS UNCERTAIN WHETHER TWAGIRAMUNGU WILL ACCEPT THE OFFER.

15. CANADA IS CONCERNED WITH ZAIRE'S ROLE IN THE RWANDA CONFLICT. [REDACTED] BELIEVED THAT MOBUTU WAS EXERCISING A "NEGATIVE INFLUENCE" ON CEASE-FIRE NEGOTIATIONS. IN AN ASIDE, [REDACTED] PRAISED THE
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STAFF OF AMEMBASSY KINSHASA FOR ITS ASSISTANCE TO THE
CANADIAN DIPLOMAT CO-LOCATED IN THE EMBASSY.
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